

HONORING DORSEY L. KENDRICK, PH.D, PRESIDENT OF GATEWAY COMMUNITY COLLEGE, ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 13, 2017

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is with profound respect and admiration that I rise today to join family, friends, colleagues and community leaders in extending my deepest thanks and appreciation to Dr. Dorsey L. Kendrick as she celebrates her retirement as President of Gateway Community College in New Haven, Connecticut. Over the course of her nearly two decades of leadership, Dorsey has both literally and figuratively changed the face of Gateway, leaving an indelible mark on the college and our community.

Dorsey's unique personal story is the core of her personal passion for education and creating opportunity for students. A native of Jackson, Tennessee, Dorsey was one of three African-American students—and the only woman—to initiate integration at Union University. After earning a Bachelor's of Science degree in business administration at Union, she went on to earn an M.S. in Business Administration at Cardinal Stritch University and a Ph.D. in Philosophy in Higher Education from Walden University. She is also a graduate of the Institute of Education Management at Harvard University. Prior to appointment at Gateway, Dorsey was the first African-American woman to be named associate dean and then dean of the School of Business Management at Milwaukee Area Technical College. She later became the school's executive vice-president and the highest-ranking African-American woman in Wisconsin's higher education system.

The legacy Dorsey leaves at Gateway Community College is nothing short of awe-inspiring. In her first eight years at the helm. The school's enrollment more than doubled and today Gateway is the largest of Connecticut's twelve community colleges, serving more than 12,000 undergraduates every year. Dorsey not only created a nursing program but under her leadership the college has bolstered program offerings in the fields of allied health, green technologies, the culinary arts, early childhood education, and business. She was one of the first to recognize the importance of working with local industries to develop curriculum and certificate programs that would ensure students are prepared for the needs of the local job market. Perhaps her crowning achievement has been the creation the Gateway's new campus in Downtown New Haven. The four-story, LEED Gold-certified complex opened in August 2012 and is home to extraordinary classrooms and state-of-the-art labs, creating a learning environment that is second to none.

During her tenure, I have had many opportunities to work with Dorsey and found a kindred spirit in the effort to expand access to higher education, enable students to realize their full potential, and make their dreams a reality. From creating partnerships with local industries to prepare students for the jobs of today to providing resources to local veterans, and from addressing a nursing shortage to preparing students for a changing manufac-

turing sector, it has been my honor to work side by side with her. I cannot thank her enough for her friendship and counsel over the years.

At her inauguration Dorsey stated "I plan to leave my footprints on this college"—she has done that and so much more. She has created lasting partnerships on which Gateway Community College can build future success. Her advocacy and dedication has ensured that the doors of opportunity are open for Gateway's students, and her innovative vision has created a campus ready to prepare a 21st century workforce. Though her retirement marks the end of an era, I have no doubt that Dorsey will continue to find ways to make a difference in our community. It is my great honor to rise today to thank Dr. Dorsey L. Kendrick for her outstanding leadership and invaluable contributions to our community as well as extend my very best wishes to her for many more years of health and happiness as she begins this next chapter of her life.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KEITH ELLISON

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 13, 2017

Mr. ELLISON. Mr. Speaker, due to other commitments, I missed the following roll call votes. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows:

Roll Call No. 286, I would have voted yes,
Roll Call No. 287, I would have voted yes.

HONORING THE STAFF AND COMMUNITY AT GOOD OLD LOWER EAST SIDE

HON. NYDIA M. VELÁZQUEZ

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 13, 2017

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the staff and community at Good Old Lower East Side (GOLES). Through tireless efforts, GOLES works to provide housing services for New York's most vulnerable residents. On the occasion of their 39th Annual Celebration, let us pause to say thank you for such life-changing work.

Founded in 1977, GOLES has seen the Lower East Side change through rapid gentrification. Facing a shifting landscape, many New Yorkers and small businesses have already lost or fear losing their homes.

GOLES actively works to meet the challenges of gentrification by offering tenant rights and eviction prevention counseling, successfully helping over 2,000 families avoid eviction each year.

By working directly with community members living in rent-regulated public housing, the staff at GOLES are committed to preserving affordable housing and diversity on the Lower East Side.

It is my honor to salute and thank GOLES for helping to keep New Yorkers in the places they call home. My sincerest wishes for a joyful and successful celebration and to many more years of groundbreaking work.

RECOGNIZING FIVE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS CHOSEN TO REPRESENT COLORADO AS DELEGATES AT THE CONGRESS FOR FUTURE MEDICAL LEADERS

HON. KEN BUCK

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 13, 2017

Mr. BUCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize five high school students who were selected to represent the state of Colorado as delegates at the Congress for Future Medical Leaders. The students are Conor McDaniel, Mariah Pell, Robert Vanderschaaff, Keely Zeimet, and Hailey Archuleta.

The Congress of Future Medical Leaders is an honors program that recognizes exceptional high school students who are pursuing careers as a physician or in medical research.

These students are the future leaders of the medical field and our country. Through their studies, they have embodied the meaning of hard work and perseverance to achieve their goals, and will better the health of future generations.

Mr. Speaker, I am delighted to recognize these students from the fourth district of Colorado for their hard work and service to our community. I wish them the best in their future endeavors.

FINANCIAL CHOICE ACT OF 2017

SPEECH OF

HON. GENE GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 8, 2017

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 10) to create hope and opportunity for investors, consumers, and entrepreneurs by ending bailouts and Too Big to Fail, holding Washington and Wall Street accountable, eliminating red tape to increase access to capital and credit, and repealing the provisions of the Dodd-Frank Act that make America less prosperous, less stable, and less free, and for other purposes:

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Mr. Chair, in the 9 year's since the 2008 financial crisis, there's a consensus that the crisis was caused by too much risk and lax regulation. Because of banks' overinvestment in risky financial products, our country was plunged into the worst economic crisis since the Great Depression.

Housing prices, where middle-class Americans for decades have focused their investment, fell by more than 30 percent and an estimated 5.5 million more American jobs were lost to slow growth during the crisis. My hometown of Houston, Texas, was further hit by the sudden fall of oil prices in 2014 and the attendant layoffs and slowdown in the local economy, making it hard for my constituents to save, provide for their families, and plan for the future.

Seven years after Dodd-Frank was enacted, our country is just now beginning to recover. Dodd-Frank was put in place to make sure that the conditions that led to the crisis cannot occur again. If the hardship suffered by the

millions of Americans who saw the value of their home and their retirement funds disappear fails to convince my Republican colleagues of the need to make sure that banks cannot gamble with the money of middle-class Americans, it's difficult to imagine what would.

The CHOICE Act recreates the conditions that led to the 2008 crisis by allowing banks to again engage in risky investment behavior with their clients' money, and limiting oversight of banks by the federal government. If a key financial institution like the Lehmann Brothers, whose collapse contributed to the severity of the crisis in 2008, again collapses, the CHOICE Act then limits the ability of the government to intervene to guard against a total collapse of the financial system.

The assault that the CHOICE Act represents on the livelihood of middle and working class Americans isn't limited to this. Although consumer protection should be the most basic goal of all lawmakers, this bill subjugates consumer protection and welfare to the banking and finance industry in two additional ways. First, it will gut the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, the agency created by Dodd-Frank and tasked with protecting Americans from irresponsible or predatory behavior by financial institutions. The CHOICE Act thus nearly eradicates the ability of the U.S. government to monitor the safety of financial products for everyday Americans, thus leaving a massive void in consumers' daily lives, as financial product offerings continue to expand and grow more and more complex and sometimes difficult to understand.

The Wrong CHOICE Act will also nullify the much-needed fiduciary rule, allowing investment advisors to make decisions with the money of their clients that aren't in their clients' best interest. This is shameful, and will allow bad apple investment advisors to take advantage of often elderly clients who, understandably, assume that those investment advisors will help them save for their retirement rather than put their own fees first.

I ask my colleagues on both sides of the aisle today to stand with our nation's retirees and working families and vote down this irresponsible bill.

RECOGNIZING JAKE HANSEN

HON. KEN BUCK

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BUCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Jake Hansen, owner and founder of Bricktree Customs.

Bricktree Customs, a custom LEGO Kit Company in Longmont, Colorado, was founded by Jake in 2015, at the young age of 16. He has created over a dozen carnival-themed custom LEGO kits to date, all of which he designed. Jake's kits are available at local toy stores in Longmont, as well as online in a global marketplace.

Entrepreneurs and small businesses are the backbone of our economy and communities. It is the ingenuity and hard work of Coloradans like Jake that make America a global leader. He has shown true creativity and innovation in his business and community.

On behalf of the 4th Congressional District of Colorado, I extend my best wishes to Jake as he pursues his future undertakings.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Mr. Jake Hansen for his accomplishments.

IN HONOR OF MICHAEL SMITH

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Michael A. Smith, an outstanding member of a special family in the Shenandoah Valley, whose generosity of time, energy, and money has made a significant difference in the lives of my Shenandoah Valley constituents. Mr. Smith recently received the President's Award of Shepherd University, in Shepherdstown, West Virginia, for his extraordinary service and contributions to that university.

With the passing of their father, Gerald F. Smith, in 2003, Michael and his brother, Gerald Smith, Jr. have led the family owned business, Valley Proteins, Inc., through a period of remarkable growth. Established in 1949 by their grandfather, Clyde A. Smith, as a one-

truck service for recycling waste meat byproducts and spent cooking oils, Valley Proteins is now one of the largest independent rendering companies in North America, operating 12 plants in seven states.

Although the Smith family enterprise has consumed most of the brothers' time, they have both given back to the community in significant ways. Michael has served as the President of the Winchester Youth Development Center, which provides recreational and enrichment opportunities for the youth of Winchester, the Vice President of the Virginia Community College Foundation, which raises funds to provide access to post-secondary education to all Virginians, the Treasurer and Annual Giving Chairman for Powhatan School, and the President of the Board of Directors of the Upperville Colt and Horse Show.

Since graduating from Shepherd University with a business degree in 1989, Michael Smith has also generously given of his time and money to his alma mater. Today, he is president of the Shepherd University Foundation, which receives and administers private gifts for student scholarships, academic and program support, faculty excellence awards and other university initiatives. In addition to starting two endowed funds in the name of his grandfather and father, Smith assisted with the university's efforts to create a school of business, by issuing a generous challenge grant which resulted in the raising of more than \$650,000 for the school.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and our colleagues join me in honoring Michael Smith, Vice President of Valley Proteins, Inc., for his special recognition from Shepherd University and his extraordinary contributions to the residents of the northern Shenandoah Valley and the people of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CARLOS CURBELO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 13, 2017

Mr. CURBELO of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I missed votes on account of my flight being cancelled from MIA-DCA. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 300 and YEA on Roll Call No. 301.